

## Timeline

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**October 2, 2012:** Applicants submitted a formal nomination for a City Historic District for the Mexican War Street Expansion.

**December 5, 2012:** The City's Historic Review Commission (HRC) held a public hearing and recommended approval of the proposed Mexican War Streets Historic District expansion with revised boundaries.

**January 8, 2013, January 22, 2013, and February 5, 2013:** The City's Planning Commission held public hearings on the HRC's recommendation to expand the District. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Mexican War Streets Historic District expansion with revised boundaries of the original National Historic Registry boundaries (as defined in 2008).

**March 5, 2013:** Legislation is introduced at Pittsburgh City Council's Regular Meeting for a Resolution to designate the Mexican War Streets Historic District Expansion as a City Historic District.

**June 17, 2013:** Pittsburgh City Council held a public hearing on the Resolution at the Northside Institutional Church of God in Christ.

**June 19, 2013:** Pittsburgh City Council approved a motion to read, receive, and file a Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for a negative recommendation (denial) with respect to the Resolution.

**June 25, 2013:** Pittsburgh City Council voted unanimously to not enact the Resolution (denied the Mexican War Street City Historic District expansion).

**July 24, 2013:** Nominators filed a statutory appeal in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas alleging that City Council failed to hold a public hearing on the Resolution within 120 days of its receipt of the HRC's December 5, 2012 recommendation and the City's Planning Commission's February 5, 2013 recommendation to expand the boundaries of the Historic District as required by Section 1101.03(i)(4) of the Code. Specifically, nominators claimed that the deadline for City Council to hold the required public hearing pursuant was June 5, 2013. Nominators asserted that as a result the Resolution was deemed approved by City Council pursuant to Section 1101.03(j)(3) of the Code. Following this appeal, the case lingered as inactive in the Court of Common Pleas and no action occurred in the case until 2018.

**December 12, 2018:** Following the filing of briefs and oral argument, the trial court (Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas) issued an order that OVERTURNED City Council's decision to deny the Resolution and remanded the matter to City Council for approval of the Resolution (approved the Mexican War Street City Historic District expansion).

**December 12, 2018 – January 24, 2019:** The Pittsburgh City Council filed an appeal of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas order.

**October 24, 2019:** Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania AFFIRMED the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas December 12, 2018 decision (approved the Mexican War Street City Historic District expansion).

**November 25, 2019:** The Pittsburgh City Council filed a Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the Order of the Commonwealth Court with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

**April 21, 2020:** Supreme Court of Pennsylvania denied the Petition for Allowance of Appeal. The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania Order stands (approved the Mexican War Street City Historic District expansion).